Prior to mailing your registration form, please assemble a meeting of the students who will be attending this institute, and prepare a reply to the questions below. Responses will help us plan the institute around ideas and experiences of students in your school. Include completed reply with your registration form.

1) Of the chat room issues listed below, what do you think are the three most important issues/struggles in your school?
   - Breaking the Language Barrier
   - Cyber Bullying
   - Gangs/Posses and Cliques
   - I'm Being Tormented!
   - Language of Bias
   - Pressure, Pressure, Pressure: The Middle Years
   - The New Student on the Block
   - The “Right” Stuff

2) What do you wish you could change about your school, related to those issues or struggles?

3) Is there an issue that marginalizes students in your school that has not been identified above? Tell us about that issue.

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Chat room break-out sessions include:

A. Breaking the Language Barrier – How do limited English-speaking students, and children of limited or non-English-speaking parents, cope in the school setting?

B. Cyber Bullying – What are the experiences of students in computer chat rooms?

C. Gangs/Posses and Cliques – How do students know what they are getting into?

D. I’m Being Tormented! – What are the experiences of “bullies” and “bullied” students in schools?

E. Language of Bias – How do students handle stereotypes and prejudices in the school setting?

F. Pressure, Pressure, Pressure: The Middle Years – What are the unique pressures in the middle school years?

G. The New Student on the Block – How do new students fit in at school?

H. The “Right” Stuff – How do students deal with pressures to wear the “right” brands and have the “right” stuff?

Let students’ voices be heard!
Allow students to discuss with their peers the challenging issues and major concerns that seriously impact the daily lives of students.
Help identify actions that can lead to solutions.
Share experiences about what works.

Agenda:

8 a.m. Registration and Power Breakfast Meetings
Review student assignments for Session I and Session II.

9:00-9:15 a.m. Welcome and Presentation

9:30-10:30 a.m. Chat Room Session I
(students only)

10:30-10:45 a.m. Keynote Address

10:45-11:30 a.m. Chat Room Session II
(students only)

Noon Luncheon — reconvene as schools

12:45 p.m. School Plan and Debriefing
Synthesizing and creating school action plans
Next steps

1:30 p.m. Gifts and Departure

Register up to 10 students and one educator-chaperone per school. Invite student leaders and at-risk students.

Space is limited; register early!
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